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GOOD ROADS WANTED.

North Texas County Judges and County commissioners in Session.

(DALLAS NEWS.)

Dec. 19, 1896.

About thirty county judges and county commissioners, representing sixteen black land counties, met at the court house yesterday and formed an organization to be known as the North Texas County Judges and Commissioners' association. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by F. T. Woodward of Dallas. Hon. Kenneth Foree, county judge of Dallas county, was introduced and welcomed the visitors to the city. The committee on credentials, composed of M. J. Montgomery of McLennan, W. K. Neal of Parker, Mack Smith of Collin, R. M. McMullen of Navarro, J. M. Overall of Eilis and J. N. Gallegher of McLennan, reported as follows:

Resolved. 1. That this organization be known as the North Texas County Judges and Commissioners' association.

2. That it shall be composed of county judges, county commissioners and any citizen of Texas who may be interested in its purposes, but the right to vote shall be limited to duly elected and qualified county judges and county commissioners.

3. The purpose of this body is the betterment of public highways, and the discussion of the various duties of commissioners courts.

4. The officers of this association shall be, a president, a first vice president, a second vice president, a secretary and a treasurer, who shall constitute an executive committee having charge of the affairs of the body.

The following were then enrolled as members: Kenneth Foree, Thomas Lacy, E. M. Halsell, T. B. Fisher and N. O. McAdams of Dallas county; M. G. Abernathy, Mack Smith, J. T. Lacy and S. O. Scott of Collin county; J. Q. Chenoweth, J. F. Womack, Joe Parrish and and R. L. Hughes of Fannin county; J. N. Gallegher, M. J. Montgomery and D. C. Cobb of McLennan county; A. S. Lowe and J. K. P. Hammond of Tarrant county; W. K. Neal of Parker county; O. A. Finley and J. B. Overall of Ellis county; R. M. Mullen of Navarro county, A. S. Ruby of Milam county, B. R. Long of Grayson county, W. H. Dickson of Hill county, W. N. Jackson of Denton county and F. T. Woodward of Dallas county.

The officers were elected:

President, Mack Smith of Collin county; first vice president, Capt. Thomas Lacy of Dallas; second vice president, M. J. Montgomery of McLennan; secretary and treasurer, F. T. Woodward of Dallas. The matter of roads was then taken up and a committee of six appointed to prepare a general road law with local option features that will more nearly meet the requirements of the present age than our present general road law.

The committee, composed of Judge Kenneth Foree, Judge J. N. Gallegher, Mack Smith, M. J. Montgomery, J. T. Lacy and F. T. Woodward, reported a bill which is substantially the Fannin county road law, with amendments to section 3 and section 14. The proposed bill was adopted by the convention and a special committee appointed to get it before the legislature.

The meeting then adjourned to reconvene in the city of Waco in March, 1897.

Bryan's Big Advance Money.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—Anthony Comctock, manager of the McBee-Brice company, stated to a News and Observer reporter that the contract with Mr. Bryan had been signed by Mr. McBee at an advance of $25,000.

The purchasers are said to be an Atlantic syndicate.

Much in Little

Is especially true of Hood's Pills, for no medicine ever contained so great curative power in so small space. They are a whole medicine chest, always ready, always efficient, always satisfactory; prevent a cold or fever, cure all liver ills, sick headache, jaundice, constipation, etc. 25c. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills

I. O. G. T. Lodge Organized.

Last Saturday night Capt. Dutton organized a lodge of Good Templars at the Methodist church with sixty-eight members. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: G. A. Tallant, C. T.; Miss Vanna Belew, V. T.; Rev. C. I. McWhirter, chaplain; C. A. Puckett, secretary; Miss Eddie Tallant, assistant secretary; T. J. Bowles, financial secretary; J. W. Barrett, marshal; Miss Ola Striplin, assistant marshal; T. B. Rutherford, I. G.; C. W. McDonald, O. G.; J. F. Jones, P. C. T.; Miss Julia Bryant, superintendent Juvenile Temple.

The lodge held its first meeting at the school building last Monday night and received fifteen members. The lodge starts off with bright prospects of success in the work of creating sentiment in favor of temperance. Long may it live.—Nevada Newsletter.

Election of Officers.

Empire lodge No. 68 I. O. O. F. elected the following officers at a recent meeting, who will be installed the first meeting night in January:

R. F. Dowell	N. G.
W. C. Robinson	V. G.
	R. S.
	P. S.
E. N. McAulay	Treas.
J. R. Gough	Representative.
H. L. Pearson	Alternate.

Rewards Offered.

Denton, Denton Co., Tex., Dec. 16.—The officials here express themselves as being gratified that Gov. Culberson has offered a reward of $200 for the arrest of John Henry Suggs, charged with the murder of Snaff Meadows, an account of which appeared in the News at the time. This makes the reward for Suggs' arrest amount to $400, $175 of which was made up by private subscription and $25 was offered by Sheriff Hawkins.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

From Bowlby.

Dec. 14, 1896.

We are having fine weather for the farmers to prepare their lands for another crop.

Singing at John Williams last night.

Rev. Hornbeak preached a good sermon for us Sunday evening.

Mrs. John Turner has been very sick for the past few days.

Francis Griffiin, Jr., is all smiles; a young McKinley arrived at his home the 13th inst.

Our school is progressing nicely. Prof. Parker said the average attendance last month was forty-five pupils.

Wm. Bryant and family are visiting their daughter this week.

Mrs. Bob Duncan has returned home after a week's stay with her father, Dr. Harden of Vineland.

R. M. Hickey and family left last Saturday for their new home near Sanger.

An outhouse in which Jasper Hand had stored baled hay and some cotton burned one night last week. Loss about $80.

Huse Weaver has just returned from a three weeks stay with his son in Comanche county.

CENTRAL.

Ye Foolish Printers.

The following incident illustrates the extent to which the printing business is demoralized by "cut rate" printers:

A solicitor for a firm of printers called upon a business man recently to ask for a share of his printing orders.

"Do you people pay rent for the premises you occupy?" asked the business man.

"Of course we do," replied the solicitor.

"Do you employ competent men to do your work?"

"Yes."

"Do you give them fair wages?"

"Yes."

"Do they get their wages every week?"

"Of course they do."

"Do you pay for your paper and other materials?"

"Yes, we do."

"Then you can't afford to do my work. The people who are doing it at present must get their labor for nothing and must steal the paper. Good morning!

THREATENED CONSUMPTION.

A Typical Case of Catarrh Cured by Dr. Hartman's Free Treatment.

A farmer's wife has been troubled from childhood with catarrh. Until within the last few years, she has not been treated for it. But it has become so much aggravated that she consults her physician. He treats her and she persevered faithfully, without avail, for months. Then she tries a physician in the city. Although his charges are exorbitant, her husband gladly pays them; but she gets no better. The farmer, in despair, sees his wife growing paler and weaker every day. A cough sets in, and consumption is near.

At last they read about Pe-ru-na. The husband writes to Dr. Hartman and receives an encouraging and sympathetic answer. They continue the correspondence all the while she takes Pe-ru-na, receiving new advice and assistance in every letter. Her symptoms leave her one by one. Her color returns. Her cough ceases. At last she is well. In her gladness of heart she writes to Dr. Hartman, anxious to have her cure told to others that they also may be saved.

Such is the history of a typical testimonial used by Dr. Hartman in his books. One of these books will be sent free to any address by The Peruna Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

New Geography.

Of what is the surface of the earth composed?

Of corner lots, mighty poor roads, broken down bridges and grand jurors who say the public highways are in good condition.

What portion of the globe is water?

About three-fourths—sometimes a little nutmeg is added to it.

What is a town?

A town is a considerable collection of houses and and backlots, with pitchdark streets and four or five men who lend money at 25 per cent.

What is a city?

A city is a town with a big head and paved streets.

What is commerce?

Borrowing $5 for a day or two and dodging the lender for a year or two.

What is business?

Advertising in the town paper at five cents a line and expect the editor to take it out in mackerel and lamp wicks.

Name the different races?

Horse race, boat race, colored race, bicycle race, racing down town trying to get a man to indorse your note.

Into how many classes is mankind divided?

Seven—enlightened, civilized, half civilized, politicians, country editors and drunken printers.

When is a town called barbarous?

When it has no street lamps.

How many motions has the earth?

That is according to how you mix your drinks and which way you go home.

What causes day and night?

Day is caused by night getting tired out. Night is caused by everybody's closing up and going to supper.

What is a map?

A map is a chart showing the jury where Smith stood when Jones gave him a lift under the eye.

What is a chart?

A chart is a plat showing a stranger in town exactly where the ditches are so he will be sure to find them.

What is a marshal?

A man who is paid $40 a month to keep the cows off the sidewalk.—Exchange.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following is a list of real estate transfers filed for record in the county clerk's office at McKinney for week ending Saturday, Dec, 19, 1896:

Beck W A to C R Beck, 10 a, lot No 12 sur No 14 Collin Co school land, $400.

Taylor F H and wife to Jessie Bryant, lot in Millwood, $15.

Soyle R A to B Burrus, 15 a, R D Newman sur, $375.

Dancer C F and wife to B Burrus 12½ a, R D Newman sur, $150.

Woodall E L and wife to W A Miller, 33 1-5 a, J C Neel sur, $850.

Thomas H R and wife to J N Taylor, 79 66-100 a, James Heffleflinger sur, correction of deed.

Kendrick J T to J W Haldeman, 73 a, release.

Kendrick J T, Olney Davis et al, to John W Haldeman, 44½ a, release.

Garnett, Muse & Mangum and Geo W Land to W T Land, 1-5 interest in 296 55-100 a, release.

Houser E T and wife to J P Houser, 98 92-100 a, S Walker sur, $1400.

Boyd W L to W P Hackler, 68 a, J G Jouett sur, release.

Haley T J and wife to J B Willis, 10 87-100 a, James Maxwell, Joseph Russell and T T Bradley surs, $456.75.

Estes B T and wife to Sam Lane, 39½ a, T D James sur, $1200.

Chandler J F and wife to Albert Chandler, 7 a, Hardin T Chenowith sur, $130.

Hays N W to M H Salmons, 13 a, L K Pegnes sur, release.

Mitchell J C and wife to M H Salmons, 13 a, L K Pegnes sur, $500.

Bedingfield T J and wife to M T Bozeman, lots 9 and 10, block 4, Wylie, $350.

Stone J C to D A Bozeman 15-100 a, A West sur, $7.50.

Kendrick J T and L Butler to W C Collins, 2¼ a, A West sur, $40.

Wood M and wife to W C Collins, 3 62-100 a, J G Jouitt sur, $75.

Robinson Thos and wife to Jas E and Joseph G Robinson, 1 6-100 a, G Chenowith sur, $25.

Lane Sam and wife to James T Lane, 20 a, Prior Holder sur, $500.

Lindsay J W and wife to W F Cameron, 11 60-100 a, Carter C Cleft sur, $540.

Kendrick J T to C D Colson, 6 a, H B Cole sur, $50.

Haley W D to J B Willis, ¼ interest 43¾ a, James Maxwell sur, $300.

Smith A E and wife to Howell & Staggs, 10 4-10 a, D M Crutchfield sur, also another tract in same sur, $900.

Rhyne N B and wife to O F Johnson, ⅛ interest in 50 a, D Anglin sur, $232.75.

Thomas H H to J E Jones & Son, lots 2 and 6, block 18, Copeville, release.

Wetsel Lewis to W N Bush, 2 a, J A Taylor sur, $30.

Hill D C and wife to J B Crump, 52 44-100 a, P W Hobbs sur, $1750.

Hardwick J H to Maude and Maggie Hardwick, 58 a, Moses Spark sur, $500.

Watson J S, guardian estate of Elizabeth Watson, to W R McDonald, lease 104 a in B Clark sur.

Odom W B and wife to R J Odom, 75 a in John Neel sur, and two tracts of 32 and 99 a, $2500.

Howell & Staggs to A F Smith, lot in McKinney, $600.

Caldwell C S to W H H Caldwell, 25 a, M I Gunnery sur, $67.77.

McClendon B S and wife to Mrs J E Fowlker, lot in Plano, $700.

Saigling C F to B S McClendon and wife, lot in Plano, release.

Braswell W L et al to W B Newsome, 30 a, C Boles sur, $250.

Box S A D and wife to W H Hockett, 56⅔ a James Rutherford sur, $1100.

Williams M L and wife to J C Williams 50a, H T Chenowith sur $1250.

Combest J W to Wm Press 50a, Jonathan Douthitt sur, $574.

Press Wm and wife to W J Ingram 50a, Jonathan Douthitt sur, $750.

Wilson T B and wife to Mrs Harriet Wilson, 70 4-10 a, Hardin Wright sur, $1056.

Wilson T M and wife to Mrs Harriet Wilson, lot in McKinney, $425.

Wilson J E et al to T M Wilson, lot in McKinney, $318.25.

Stanfield & Dunlap to B L Shirley, 272 a, E W Lucas sur, $3672.

Strode U N and wife to [illegible] Shindler, ¾ a [illegible] John [illegible], Rufus Sewell sur, [illegible].

Hargraves J W to L Hankil, 22 a, D H Haven sur, $660.

Shields Henry and wife to S H Payne, 4 a, F T Duffan sur, $40.

Herndon J D and wife to S H Payne, 9 a, F T Duffan sur, $104.

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Phillips Columbus to Matilda Jenkins, 9 a, F T Duffan sur, $72.

Fox Mrs Anne E to A J Lewis, 20 a, S Combs sur, quit claim deed.

Early W D to A J Lewis, 10⅝ a, S Combs sur, quit claim deed.

McKinney Building Co to A P Carter and wife, lot in McKinney, release.

Stanfield & Dunlap to W L Hendricks, 87 a, E W Lucas sur, $1392.

Granberry N J to J T Talley, 49 a, sur No 6 Collin Co school land, release.

Shirley W M to L A Scott, 77½ a, John Russell sur, $775.

S T Poindexter to M T Bozeman, lots 9 and 10 block 4 Wylie, release.

Princeton Pick-ups.

W. M. Williams fell from a wagon Monday last and sprained his ankle severely. He is not yet able to walk without a crutch.

W. A. Byars who has been confined to his bed for several weeks with poor health, is slowly improving.

John G. Davis of McKinney passed through this village Thursday.

J. J. and Walter Shockley have disposed of their property and moved to Arizona.

Dudley Heard of McKinney was looking after farming interests near here Friday.

Mrs. J. P. A. Wallace, Miss Laura Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Seay, of McKinney were guests of Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Boorman and other relatives in Princeton Thursday.

While some few are not yet through gathering cotton, many farmers have begun preparations for the crop of 1897.

Alma Wilson was in Dallas on business Monday.

Princeton has daily mail from the east and west and thrice a week from Culleoka and Climax, thereby placing the people in the "brush" in close communication with the outside world.

Princeton lumber trade is increasing every day.

John F. Smith, W. J. DeArmond and T. S. Dilbeck left Thursday last with their families for Arcola, Brazoria county, "the promised land," where mosquitos do not sing and where ticks and chigres do not sit upon the bushes waiting for each passing victim."

James G. Meek and little daughter, Dora, left Sunday morning via the M. K. & T. at Greenville for his boyhood home in Tennessee, where he will spend Christmas with his aged mother. Mrs. Meek and children will go to Sherman during the holidays.

Miss Cora Caldwell of Climax visited friends near Princeton Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cole are now pleasantly situated in the new house just completed on the farm of T. B. Wilson near Princeton.

Rev. W. E. Cameron, pastor of the Baptist church, preached to a large congregtion Sunday.

There will be a Christmas tree at the school house Thursday night.

The enrollment of our public school numbers 95 instead of 85 as reported last week.

Last Sunday the writer and his better half had the pleasure of attending the Graves-Burnett Methodist revival which has been in progress at Melissa for a week. We were rewarded with listening to one of the best sermons ever heard, delivered by Evangelist Burnett at 11 o'clock. He speaks with powerful force, driving gospel arrows straight to the heart of infidelity and sin. His logic and reasoning is beyond debate. His delineation of the crucifixion was a word picture so graphical and vivid that his audience almost felt as if they were witnessing the horrible death of our Savior on Calvary's cross. The town of Melissa has received a great blessing through this good man's preaching and Bro. Vaughn's singing. HPESOJ.

Marriage Bells.

Recorded in the county clerk's office for week ending Sat. Dec. 19, 1896.

C W Furr and Miss A I Furr,
W T Close and Miss Mattie B Harris,
W E Perry and Miss E S Cox,
John Goodnight and Ellin Kissinger,
R R Addington and Miss Callie Russel,
W L McCandles and Mrs E A Walker,
J A Eldridge and Miss Hattie Holley,
W A Donaldson and Miss S E Gordon,
Frank Allen and Miss Pearl Lucas,
Jeff Bishop and Miss M V Sanders,
C. A. Houston and Miss Alma F Hill,
W F Moore and Miss Mary R Goodner,
B D Cowling and Mrs Ellen Butler,
R A McClendon and Miss E Wilcoxson
W L Allen and Miss M E Boseman,
O S Chasting and Miss Sallie Gadberry
R A Press and Miss Alice Epley,
Frank Lockhart and Alma Gambrell,
J D Davis and Miss Mattie McCormack
W B Maddox and Miss Delia Jeffcoat,
John Hunter and Miss Delia McIntire,
J P Perry and Miss Emma Cashion,
T H Skaggs and Miss Annie Herron,
J H Orenduff and Miss M. G. Malone,
R L Rickman and Miss Delia Morris,
Wm Cravens and Miss Ollie Neely,
A L Williams and Miss Sallie M Riggs,
Jake Covey and Miss Hattie Richards,
E P Robinson and Miss Bettie Smith,
W H Love and Miss Janie Cloyd,
C R Horton and Miss Mattie Cox,
S J Bryant and Miss Maggie Smith,
Ed Eason and Miss Emma McMeans,
G W Cull and Miss Rosa Farr,
Albert Welborn and Hallie Gladdon,
Sam Terry and Miss Q A Humphries,
J L Bassham and Miss Bettie Shelton.

Persons exposed to weather are protected by Johnson's Belladonna Plaster

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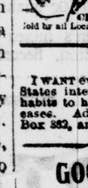

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Bankrupt Sale of Dry Goods.
Sample Sale of Hats and Shoes.

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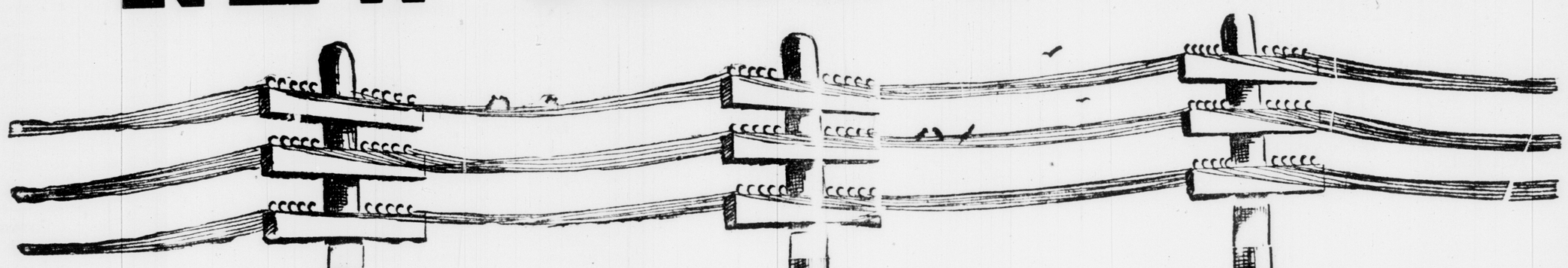

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40 Men's California all-wool Suits, $10 values, at half price.....	$5.00
36 Men's black and blue Wool Mackintoshes, regular $9.00 values, at half price.	$4.50
22 Men's fine Ribbed Mackintoshes, black and blue, are well worth $5.00, half price	$2.93
50 Boys' Knee Suits, $1.00 quality, good and warm, at half price.....	50c
36 Boys' Knee Suits, twill woolen goods, at half price.....	99c
48 Boys' Knee Pants, 20c quality, one-fourth price.....	5c
100 pairs Men's fine Cassimere Pants, $2.50, $3, $4 and $5 goods, on sale at, pair	$1.75
600 pairs Men's fine Cassimere Pants, $1.75, $2.00, $2.50, $2.75 values, will be closed out at, pair.....	$1.25
100 pairs Men's Work Pants, 75c to $1.00 values, at.....	33c
200 pairs Men's Work Pants, $1, $1.50, $2 values, at.....	69c
100 dozen Men's Work Shirts, regular 50c values, at.....	25c
10 dozen Boys' Knee Pants, regular size 5 to 8, 35c to 50c quality, at.....	15c
20 dozen Men's mixed lot Undershirts, all kinds, wool and cotton, fleeced and unfleeced, at.....	25c

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No. 2. 36 Men's Fine $2.00 Wool Shirts.....	
No. 3. 36 Ladies' Light Weight Jackets.....	
No. 4. 25 pairs White 10-4 California Finish Blankets, good $3.50 kind, pair..	$2.50
No. 5. 25 pairs White 11-4 Blankets, as above, per pair.....	$3.50
No. 6. 100 Men's Fine Black Suits, the $15 kind, at.....	$10.00
No. 7. 36 Men's Black Wool Suits, the $9 and $10 kind, at.....	$7.50
No. 8. 12 Men's Black Wool Clay Suits, the $7.50 kind, at.....	$6.50
No. 9. 15 pairs Boys' Knee Pants, the 50c kind, at.....	38c
No. 10. 100 pairs Men's White All Wool Socks, the 25c kind, 2 pairs for.....	25c
No. 11. 25 bales Colored Carpet Warp, per bale.....	85c
No. 12. 50 yards good Oil Cloths, the 25c kind, at.....	10c
No. 13. 50 Dress Pattern Wash Fabrics, very cheap at 10 yards for.....	98c
No. 14. A Lady's Nice Black Cape, trimmed with braid or fur, very cheap..	$1.50
No. 15. A Lady's Black Cape, trimmed with fur, a nice garment.....	$2.50
No. 16. 10 Ladies' Fine Silk Plush Capes, sold in other stores at $8 and $10, to close out the lot.....	$5.00
No. 17. 8 Ladies' Fine Black Capes, trimmed with braid and jet, $7 kind at.	$4.50
No. 18. 6 Ladies' Fine Black Capes, trimmed with silk braid, the $5 kind, to close out the lot, at half price.....	$2.50

MISTROT'S

THE CASH MERCHANT

WE offer these two lines of goods at

BIG DISCOUNTS.

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A message from Mistrots to the Public

NOT A DOLLAR'S WORTH WILL BE LEFT.

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No. 19. 14 Ladies' Fine Black Capes, trimmed with fur collar and lap, at....	$3.50
No. 20. 5 Ladies' Fine Black Capes, the most stylish garment in town; sells elsewhere at $12, to close the lot at.....	$7.50
No. 21. 200 yards Fruit of the Loom Bleached Cotton, a yard wide; you know its worth, to close the lot, per yard.....	6¼c
No. 22. 300 yards regular 5c Calico, the entire lot at 10 yards for.....	39c
No. 23. 1000 yards Lonsdale Bleaching, to close the lot, per yard at.....	7c
No. 24. 500 yards Fine Bleach, "Good as Gold"—you know the brand, to close the lot	5½c
No. 25. 20 dozen Ladies' Ribbed Vests, regular 20c quality, half price.....	10c
No. 26. 10 dozen Ladies' Ribbed Vests, 35c quality at.....	25c
No. 27. 20 dozen Ladies' Handkerchiefs, the usual 4c quality, to close the lot, each.....	1c
No. 28. 20 dozen Misses' Handkerchiefs, the usual 4c kind, to close the lot, each.....	1c
No. 29. 10 yards Cotton Checks, at.....	30c
No. 30. Ladies' Jersey Wool Gloves, regular 25c kind, per pair.....	15c
No. 31. Men's Fine Black Hose, the 25c kind, 4 in a box, to close the lot 4 for.....	88c
No. 32. Ladies' Fine Black Hose, imported and warranted not to fade; closing out price four for.....	88c
No. 33. 200 yards All Wool Red Twilled Flannel, to close the lot, per yard.....	15c
No. 34. 200 yards Blue Twill Flannel, to close lot, per yard.....	16c
No. 35. 250 yards All Wool Eiderdown, to close the lot, per yard at.....	25c

MISTROT'S

South Side Square,

McKinney, Tex

the ... future. T... be in Paris.

Work first class and rat... anywhere else in Texas at ... City ... Works.

The Democrat Supplement.

Thursday, December 24, 1896.

A Merry X-mas.

To each reader of THE DEMOCRAT we extend our best wishes and hope for them a happy Christmas and a New Year filled with the choicest flowers of hope. May the sorrows and trials of the past recede from memory while an influx of noble achievements —successes in moral and intellectual attainments and bread winning becomes apparent in every household is the earnest desire of THE DEMOCRAT.

IT is suggested that Mr. Bailey be sent to Cuba with his barlow knife to carve up Capt. Weyler.

AN exchange announces that "communications to The News must not contain over 200 words." How about the number of ideas?

CONGRESS may reach a "second thought" but we entertain doubt about it being a "sober" one.

CLEVELAND killed 58 ducks last Friday. Cleveland is good on killing ducks and the democratic party.

Sudden Death of an Infant.

Upon awakening Saturday morning Mr. and Mrs. George Ingram found their little three or four months old infant dead in bed with them. The child was not a robust one, but its sudden death was entirely unlooked for. Mr. and Mrs. Ingram reside with the former's mother on South Kentucky street.

Child Falls in a Cistern.

Saturday afternoon, while playing in the yard, the little two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McKinney fell into a cypress cistern containing about 3½ feet of water, and was in imminent danger of drowning, when three negroes near by ran to its rescue. The cistern was only about ten feet deep, and two of the negroes caught the third one by the heels, letting him suspend, head foremost, to within reach of the child, which was grabbed as it came to the surface of the water, and safely drawn to the top without much injury. The escape of the child was indeed a narrow one, and we congratulate the parents on their good fortune in having their darling rescued from an awful death by drowning and restored to their loving bosoms.

Moore-Goodner.

Representative W. R. Moore of Lamar county was united in matrimony to Miss Mary Goodner in this city, Thursday evening, Dec. 17. Rev. J. L. Morris, of Bonham, officiated. A large number of invited guests witnessed the brilliant, but impressive ceremony. The groom is a stranger to us, but the honorable position to which his people have called him is a flattering testimonial to his integrity and worth. The bride is the lovable daughter of Judge and Mrs. T. C. Goodner and is universally esteemed by our people. The happy couple immediately departed on an extended bridal tour, bearing with them the benedictions of all for the future. Their future home will be in Paris.

Work first class and rates cheaper than anywhere else in Texas at the City Dye Works.

A cough is an easy thing to cure if taken in time. It is dangerous to neglect one any length of time. Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup is guaranteed. Fifty cents a bottle.

Killed by a Train.

Sunday evening just after the 6:54 south bound Houston & Texas Central passenger passed, the dead body of Joe Wilder was found on the side of the track, one mile north of town, with his head fearfully crushed and brains scattered about. Officers were notified and repaired at once to the spot where Justice Faulkner and County Attorney held an inquest. The verdict was to the effect that he came to his death by being struck by the train. His remains were then brought to town and prepared for burial by J. P. Crouch. It is supposed that Wilder, who was on his way home from town, was intoxicated and lay down on the track to sleep when he met his horrible death. He leaves a wife and six children.

The City Dye Works has now been in McKinney several years and its trade is still increasing. Give them a call when you have an old suit to be cleaned and pressed.

To Our Readers.

For the purpose of giving our printers a chance to rest a few days during the holidays, we will be unable to issue the large extra supplement of THE DEMOCRAT this week. Several interesting communications are crowded out this week but will appear later.

Rebekah Lodge.

The Rebekah Lodge No. 85 of this city has elected the following new officers for the ensuing term: Mrs. Jno. Church, N. G.; Mrs. T. H. Emerson, V. G.; Mrs. W. C. Robinson, R. S.; Mrs. L. W. Crouch, P. S.; Miss Lenorah Reed, Treasurer; Mrs. W. N. Collier, Representative.

The Nickel Store.

Just as we go to press we learn that the Nickel Store is crowded with customers making purchases of holiday goods to make the children happy. Mrs. Charley Scott and Miss Bertha Smith are aiding Mr. and Mrs. Bowin in waiting on the patrons of the reliable Nickel Store.

RELIGIOUS.

Don't forget the sunrise prayer meeting at the Christian church tomorrow, Friday morning. Take your Bible with you, and help praise the Savior for the "peace, good will" that he brought to the earth.

Elder S. W. Crutcher preached two very impressive, practical sermons at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening to fair sized congregations. A feature of the morning's service was a beautiful solo by Miss Ella Newsome.

Mrs. Alice Leech Kelley has resigned the superintendency of the Dallas District Christian Endeavor. Plummer Harris was appointed in her stead. District convention will be held at Greenville about April 1st.

The ordination services at the Christian church next Sunday morning will be very impressive. The ordination sermon will be preached by Elder Crutcher; then laying on of hands by the elders of the church. That will be Elder Crutcher's last sermon, as his son Jim, who will be ordained in the morning, will preach that night, and then Elder Hallam will begin his ministry the next Sunday, January 3rd. Brother Crutcher would like to see all of the members there if it is so that they can possibly get out.

The Endeavorers of the Christian church will hold a sunrise prayer meeting tomorrow, Friday morning, beginning at 7 o'clock. They invite all of the Endeavorers of the city to be with them, also members of the other young peoples' organizations, and all others who desire to spend an hour Christmas morning as it has never been spent in McKinney. The house should be crowded tomorrow morning with the ones who want to give praise to God for the advent of his Son upon earth, and there can be no more fitting time than on Christmas m . The meeting will be led by Plummer Harris, and the subject will be, "Looking backward, forward, upward."

J. N. Crutcher, who will be ordained and fully installed into the ministry at the Christian church in McKinney next Sunday, is meeting with unusual success for a mere boy in his pastoral work at Purcell, I. T., where he is at present stationed. Sunday, the 13th inst., he received into the church upon confession and baptized a man who had just spent two years in a Catholic convent, and his labors at the same point have been attended with many other evidences of marked approval by the divine Master in the ministerial field.

Constipation causes more than half the ills of women. Karl's Clover Root Tea is a pleasant cure for constipation For sale by C. C. Provine.

You Get the Profits

Of Dealers, Agents, Jobbers and Middlemen by buying direct from the manufacturer.

No better wheel made than the

Acme Bicycle

Built in our own factory by skilled workmen, using the best material and the most improved machinery. *We have no agents* Sold direct from factory to the rider, fully warranted. Shipped anywhere for examination.

WRITE FOR

Our Interesting Offer

Acme Cycle Co., Elkhart, Ind.

Health and swee breath secured by Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. Nasal Injector free. For sale by C. C. Provine.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex. Dec. 23, '96, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

Arnold Angie	Moore Pearl(2)
Bearden Bell	Poke Bettie
Carter Frances	Richardson Delia
Castes Mollie	Rutherford Maty
Eastes G W	Sturdivant Lillar
Gibson A E	Stiff Lula
Haggerd Sallie	Studebaker
Hooks Nora	Vaugh Mary
Ingram Viola	Washington Jess
Kints Luby	Wilson Lindsey 2
Martin Lonnie 2	Weaver Lirgey

Myers Sarah.

GENTLEMEN.

Boyle J W	Johnson W T
Brownby J W	Johnson Andrew
Catenhead Jim	Lovender E
Carter Frank	Letter J R
Cantrell Ike	Louis Robt
Chastain D B	McLarry Bere
Crosson Wm	McMahan Hend.
Cooley F A	Morell J R
Colards J R	Moore Jim
Benton Jno	Moore B C
Dillon J B	Murray R K (2)
Dry Lum	Maloney Mr
Dollard J T	Nelson J B
Dodd Philip	Osborn James
Ducan Robt	Osborn Willie
Davis Joseph	Fittigrew J L
Epps Will	Roberts Irv & Joe
Fielder Joe	Roberts Flanis
Foster Joe	Roberson Geo
Forbes E C	Roberts Jack
Fulton Andy	Seats R H
Furr C E	Roberson Les'by
Goodman H T	Saunders Mr
Hartman J T	Shelton Jno
Harmon D V	Studibaker Andy
Hale Robt	Smith Thomas J
Hall Alf	Smith Geo
Jones Rev H A	Smith Jas W
Jordan P	Thompson R T
Johnson F M	Waggenly A A
Klipper O F	Wilcox Jno

Jordan Mr & Mrs Chas H

Wilson Frank.

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.

MRS. M. A. CAMERON,
Postmistress.

Headed for the Star Restaurant, Wilson's Old Stand, where I get plenty of tender beef cooked in any manner with meals or lunches.

For Dyspepsia and Liver complain you have a printed guarantee on every bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer. It never fails to cure. For sale by C. C. Provine.

The Boston Herald asks: "If liquor is not to be admitted into the capitol, what's to be the fate of Congressman-elect Booze?" His name will be that of his distinguished colleague, Mr. Mudd.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

A Great Feast for the Bargain Hunters

AT THE

KENTUCKY STORE

The big trade that we have had since we inaugurated our big Clearing Sale has left a great many remnants in all kinds of Dress Goods, which we have placed on our counters and marked a very low price on them.

Odds and ends in Clothing, Shoes and Furnishing Goods which must be sold at some price in the next Ten Days.

Fine Silverware - -

We have a fine line of Rogers' Silverware, every piece guaranteed by the factory.

As we want to close this line out, and will not handle Silverware any more, We will sell what we have at half price.

Xmas and New Year Presents.

Come early and get First Choice. These goods will not stay in the house long at these prices. The next ten days will be a great cleaning up sale at the Kentucky Store of Remnants and Odds and Ends. See us. We will save you money.

Yours for Bargains,

C. L. YOUNG.

R. D. Tompkins, of near Princeton, will spend Christmas with a brother in East Texas.

Furniture, chairs, organs and pianos at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

Mr. John Darnell, of College Hill, has gone to Kentucky to spend the holidays with friends.

We have some nice pipes and fine tobaccos that any smoker would appreciate. Smith Bros.

Hon. M W. Johnson, of Paris, spent Sunday with his father in this city.

Something that's useful to give somebody. ½ doz. fine writing tablets. At Smith Bros.

Willie Rhea is home from Techuanah college to spend the holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rhea.

Writing desks at all prices at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

Hon. J. L. Doggett, internal revenue collector came up from Dallas and spent Monday in McKinney.

ATTENTION! Messrs Goostree & Houston derire to see you at once. Don't disappoint them, but call at their grocery store at once.

Blind Boon was much appreciated at the opera house Saturday night.

Vaseline, glycerine (pure) at Smith Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Robinson will move into their cosy new home on North College street next week.

window glass cheap at City Drug Store

The Rebekah lodge of this city will give a brilliant entertainment New Years eve.

Carpets, lace curtains, window shades and bookcases at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

Master Walter Mayes came up from Plano Monday on a visit to his uncle, A. B. Mayes, and family.

Clocks and all kinds of house furnishing goods from the cradle to the grave at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

Mrs. John T. Nale and little son are visiting relatives in Smithfield, Tex.

J. N. Crutcher returned from Purcell, I. T. Monday.

Do you know of a more comfortable present for an aged person than a hot water bottle? All kinds at Smith Bros

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Rector, of Veal, Tex., are guests of relatives in this city.

Goostree & Houston, grocers, wil furnish your holiday eating at excursion prices. Don't dally, but call early and avoid the rush.

Mrs. Lackland, of Waxahachie, is the guest of relatives in McKinney.

Go to J. P. Crouch & Co's. for baby carriages.

You can save money by buying wall paper, paints, and glass at City Drug Store

Miss. Inez Anthony, of Terrell, is visiting her brother, J. G. Anthony, in this city.

New open top celluloid powder boxes, very handsome, latest style, at Smith Bros.

J. B. Rogers will build a new residence in the west part of town at an early date.

It is the aim of modern medical science to prepare medicine as palatable as possible without diminishing its curative power. PRICKLY ASH BITTERS is an example of complete success in this direction. It is not drastic as the name might suggest, it is mild and pleasant, and has an agreeable flavor, besides which, it is a successful kidney tonic, liver regulator and bowel cleanser. As a cure for the diseases that attack the kidneys its superior has not yet been devised. Sold by Wallace & Everett.

Patent Star Oil for harness, saddles shoes and buggy tops makes a fine dressing strickly water proof. Manufactured by H. T. Brantley. Sold by Wallace & Everett, druggists; also at Central wagon yard, McKinney, Tex.

Dr. W. B. Hunn, of Junction City, Kentucky, has located in McKinney. The doctor is a graduate of leading medical colleges of the south and is a practitioner of three years standing. He has comfortable office quarters on the east side of square.

Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills.

To those living in malarial districts Tutt's Pills are indispensible, they keep the system in perfect order and are **an absolute cure** for sick headache, indigestion, malaria, torpid liver, constipation and all bilious diseases.

Tutt's Liver Pills

Giles McKinney was the hero in a runaway incident in McKinney Monday morning. A mule team belonging to J. P. Sims started to run in Fairfield where Mr. Sims lives and dumped his son, the driver, out. Coming on to town they ran around the north and east side of the court house with the remnants of the wagon when Giles, by the aid of his unearthly yells of "Whoa!" ran out of Wilcox & Rogers' store and brought the frightened animals to a dead standstill.

Few people know that all plants contain digestive principles. They cannot absorb their food until it is digested any more than animals can. The Mount Lebanon Shakers have learned the art of extracting and utilizing these digestive principles, and it is for this reason their Shaker Digestive Cordial is meeting with such phenominal success in the treatment of dyspepsia. The Shaker Digestive Cordial not only contains food already digested, but it also contains digestive principles which aid the digestion of other foods that may be eaten with it. A single 10 cent sample bottle will be sufficient to demonstrate its value, and we suggest that every suffering dyspeptic make a trial of it. Any druggist can supply it.

LAXOL is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

G. F. Bolton has moved on to a farm which he has purchased one and a half miles south east of Melissa.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss
LUCAS COUNTY. }

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY

SWORN to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.

{SEAL} A. W. GLEASON, NOTARY PUBLIC.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.

Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Mrs. George Murphy, of Sulphur Springs, will spend the holidays here with her parents.

The mammoth establishment of J. P. Crouch & Co. is packed with a mammoth stock. This is the largest business, both in space and completeness of stock in North Texas. If you do not wish to buy it would more than repay a visit made for no other purpose than merely that of inspection and sightseeing.

A temporary wave of prosperity struck The Democrat one day this week. We received a half dozen young chickens, a fine turkey gobbler, and some fresh pork, all on subscription. Thanks.

The Nickle Store occupies the same old stand, Call and see

Wouldn't a pocket book, base ball or pocket knife be a suitable present for your little brother? At Smith Bros.

HELP! HELP!! HELP!!!—Everybody are carrying off our groceries. We want you to help the good work along. Goostree & Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem E. Oldham are spending the holidays in Bonham.

Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup is sold lor only fifty cents a bottle. It will cure a cough that might prove serious or perhaps fatal. Ask your druggist for a sample bottle. Manufactured by A. C. Simmons, Jr., Medicine Company, Sherman, Texas.

Miss Addie Bailey spent Sunday with Bloomdale friends,

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC has stood the test for ten years! When any dealer tries to induce you to take some other make, you may know that it is some cheap compound on which he makes a larger profit. Every bottle of GROVE'S guaranteed. 2

BORN—On the 13th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Ike Talkington, a boy.

Rheumatism is caused by lactic acid in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes the acid and cures rheumatism.

Misses Emma and Ella Bennett of near Lebanon were pleasant callers at our office Saturday.

W. H. Betts, the lumber dealer of Princeton, was in to see us Tuesday. He will spend Xmas in East Texas. On his return he will be accompanied by a new shipment of lumber.

"Papa, let's go home." These words fell from the lips of a ten year old girl on the streets of McKinney last Saturday. The "papa" was almost reeling with liquor. He abruptly pushed the little one aside with a growl. The parties evidently lived several miles from McKinney and the little girl was tired and unhappy because "papa" was drinking and refused to take her home at the proper time. Poor child! What an unhappy Xmas eve for her! This, however, we regret to know, is only one of the many cases in Collin county. Will it never be otherwise? Let us hope that it will.

Allie, the 9 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ingram, died Saturday morning, after a long spell of fever. The funeral took place at 9 o'clock Sunday morning from the family residence near the Presbyterian church. Rev. D. J. Martin conducting the services and burial at Pecan Grove cemetery.

Go to J. P. Crouch & Co. for crockery, queensware, tinware and all kinds of cutlery.

Geo. Harris living about four miles southwest of McKinney happened to a painful accident Thursday. His wagon on which he was riding came uncoupled throwing him forward under the horses heels. The wheels of the wagon passing over him, severed a portion of his right ear and otherwise bruised him.

If the seams of the BUCKSKIN BREECHES were the kind that rip, while the buttons were poorly fastened, and always coming off, we wouldn't say they were good pants. As it is, each detail is perfect. The seams, buttons, pockets and fit are all the best. They are the best pants we know how to make.

Mrs. O C. Spencer visited in Van Alstyne last week.

It seems to us your sister, aunt or grandma would appreciate one of our hair, nail or tooth brushes for a xmas present. Smith Bros.

J. P. Nenney was in Denison Friday.

All the standard cough and la grippe medicines at City Drug Store.

Misses Mary and Nora Lane are visiting the Misses Webb in Farmersville this week.

READERS if you want old papers to paste on walls or place under carpets you can get them at The Democrat office for 25cts per hundred.

Mrs. T. M. McDaniel is visiting in Plano.

What is it? A cure for Coughs, Colds, Croup, Whooping Cough, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, and all Bronchial Affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. 50 doses for 50 cents. Money returned if it fails to give satisfaction, we mean Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup.

Recorder E. H. Bowlby's court ground away at a lively rate the latter part of last week. "The brick" near the depot furnished most of the grist.

A No. 1 perfume put up in Genuine cut glass bottles from one to five dollars at Smith Bros.

Dr. S. J. Dobbs was in the city last Saturday. The doctor is getting his house in shape at Altoga for a stock of drugs and notions.

Wall paper, paints, oils and window glass at City Drug Store.

Beautiful Japanese gold fish for sale at the Nickle Store.

DO YOU EAT? If you do Goostree & Houston desire your assistance in reducing their mammoth stock of eatables.

A. E. Daw has his confectionery decorated with an attractive "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" inscription of cedar and popcorn.

Are you going to make your family physician a present? If so consult us. We can help you select something he will appreciate. Smith Bros.

C. F. Trotter, of Blue Ridge came over from Farmersville Saturday.

Save Your Life

By using "THE NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the Kidneys, Bladder and Back in male or female. It relieves retention of water, and pain in passing it almost immediately. Save yourselves by using this marvelous cure. Its use will prevent fatal consequences in almost all cases by its great alterative and healing powers. Sold by Erwin & Fant, druggists, McKinney, Texas.

Miss Minnie Burrage is seriously sick with pneumonia.

If you want to present some one with something useful why not let it be a dozen assorted soaps? We can furnish you. Smith Bros.

Dr. T. G. Boorman of Princeton was in the city last Friday.

WANTED—Situation to do housework by a competent white woman with one child. Apply at Travelers' Home, McKinney, Tex.

T. J. Melton is doing an immense holiday business. Give him a call when purchasing groceries.

Miss Addie Wilson came down from Sherman last week, where she is attending school.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder, in both men women. Regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of $1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and will cure any case above mentioned.

E. W. HALL, Sole Manufacturer,
P. O. Box 317, Waco, Texas

READ THIS.

Sherman, Tex., Aug. 17.

I certify that I have used Hall's Great Discovery in my family and I can recommend it to the public.

A. L. STRONG.

Sold by Smith Bros.

Wm. Allen shipped three carloads of hogs and one of beef cattle to the Dallas market last week.

Uriah Jones, Hezekiah Brown and John Peter Smith will testify to the wonderful curative properties of Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup. Sample bottles free. Satisfaction or money refunded.

Miss Annie Pruett, of Plano, is the guest of Misses Lizzie and Pauline Hughes.

Mules For Sale.

Ten work mules, four years old past, for sale cheap; half cash, balance 12 months time. Call on John Martin, 6 miles northeast of McKinney.

SEMI-ANNUAL Clearance Sale AT THE Mississippi Store.

As has been our custom for years, we will inaugurate, beginning TO-DAY, and lasting till January 1st, a sale having for its object a complete close-out in all lines of WINTER GOODS. We aim, as we have done heretofore, to have a dignified clearance, with no sensational or clap-trap features,

Below We List Just a Few Prices.

DRY GOODS

30 Yards of Round Thread Cotton Checks for.....$1.00
Canton Flannel at.....3c per yard
2,000 Yards Good Oil Red Calico, fast colors, 30 yards for.....$1.00
School Boy wool Jeans at.....15c per yd
All wool gray Shaker Flannel, worth 40c at.....25c per yd
300 Yards Silk Aline, worth 15c and 20c, at.....10c per yd
New Dress Style and Apron Check Ginghams at.....5c per yd
Great Discounts on all Dress Goods in wool or silk.

10 Dozen Boys waists, Twill Cotton, at.....10 cents.
Men's Heavy Cotton Undershirts at.....15 cents.
100 Dozen Men's Seamless Fast Black Hose, 3 pair for.....25 cents.
50 Dozen Misses Heavy Gray School Hose, 4 pair for.....25 cents.
50 Ladies' Cloaks and Jackets at.....50 cents each

50 Pairs Grey and Red 5-pound, 10-quarter Blankets at $1 per pair.
50 pairs 10-quarter white Blankets, worth $2.00, for..$1.25 per pair.
50 pairs Grey Blankets at.....50c per pair.

SHOES.

100 pairs Men's Goodyear welts Shoes, worth from $3 to $4 at $2.50
Men's Heavy Kip Boots at.....$1 a pair.
Boys' Heavy Kip Boots at.....75c a pair.
Ladies' Heavy Button Bradded Shoes at.....90c a pair.
Child's Kid Button Shoes at.....25c
26 pairs Child's Heavy School Shoes, worth $1 at.....50c
48 Pairs Ladies Button Shoes, in broken lots, worth $1.50 for.....$1.00.
150 Pairs Ladies Fine Shoes, worth $2.50 to $4.00 at.....$2.00.

Fine felt-lined goods for housewear

A Nice Christmas Present.

All Millinery at Absolute Cost!

GREAT BIG DRIVES IN ALL CLOTHING AND OVERCOATS

Men's Full Suits at.....$2.00
Men's Overcoats at.....$2.50

ALL BOYS' CLOTHING AT ABSOLUTE COST.

80 Men's Suits, old price $15 and $16 at.....$10
25 Men's Overcoats, old price $5 at.....$3.75
Men's $10 Brown Overcoats at.....$7.80
200 Pairs Men's All-wool Pants, worth $3 for.....$1.35

Hundreds of desirable Bargains are not listed. Come and examine our inducements. A Plain Clearance Sale at Real Clearing Prices—that's all.

THE MISSISSIPPI STORE.

Cloudy, dark colored urine, with slight sediment, frequent calls diminished quantity, indicates trouble in the kidneys. When these symtoms are present no time should be lost in adopting proper remedies. A little delay may prove very costly, perhaps fatal, because Bright's disease is so rapid and destructive. PRICKLY ASH BITTERS has an established reputation for curing the diseases that attack the kidneys. It heals and strengthens the kidneys so that they resume their urine gathering and blood cleansing function, regulates the liver, stomach and bowels and quickly re-establishes a healthy body. It has cured cases of Bright's disease that had been practically abandoned by the attending physician. Sold by Wallace & Everett.

J. J. Cockrell pays a year's subscription to The Democrat for W. J. Applewhite as a Christmas gift.

Window glass all sizes at City Drug Store.

A few nights since a lot of tramps burglarized the house of Jim Scott south of McKinney near the H. & T. C. railway tracks.

The Nickle Store continues to be the place for bargains

Everything for colds, chapped hands at Smith Bros.

Miss Ada Rogers, of Bethel, is visiting relatives in McKinney.

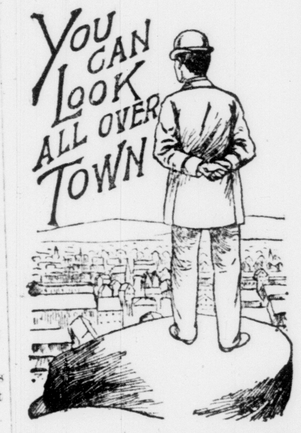
How would you like old Santa Claus to leave you a nice bottle perfume. He finds that kind at Smith Bros.

English Spavin Liniment removes all Hard, Soft or Calloused Lumps and Blemishes from horses, Blood Spavins, Curbs, Splints, Sweeney, Ring-Bone, Stifles, Sprains, all Swollen Throats, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Blemish Cure ever known. Sold by Erwin & Fant, druggists, McKinney, Texas.

C. H. Welch, cashier of the First National bank of Taylor, Tex., was in the city last Sunday. Mr. Welch is a former citizen of McKinney. He expressed himself as being surprised at the growth of our city.

You can not do better for your purse than by buying your groceries from T. J. Melton.

Why leave your rooms bare? You can buy wall paper from 5c a roll up at City Drug Store



But you cannot find a more complete line of groceries, staple or fancy, than ours and our prices are rock bottom.

Respectfully,
GOOSTREE & HOUSTON.

County Clerk Walden issued 40 permits to wed last week, and turned several "would be's" away unserved.

Ed & Will's Tonsorial Parlor.

When you wish an easy shave—
As good as barber ever gave—
Call at Ed & Will's Tonsorial room,
At morning, eve, or busy noon.
They'll curl and cut your hair with grace
To suit the contour of your face.
Their room is neat, and all is clean,
Scissors sharp and razors keen,
And all that art and skill can do;
If you will call they'll do for you.
They'll treat you nice and fair,
And neither flinch nor fudge;
You'll always find them there
As sober as a judge.

Children's hair cutting a specialty. Northwest corner of square McKinney, Texas.

Mr. Mabry, one of the proprietors of the Mississippi Store, who resides at Bonham, was called to Mississippi a few days ago by the death of his mother.

Double nine dominoes, hand mirrors at Smith Bros.

Mrs. C. W. Goodin and little daughter left Tuesday to spend the holidays with her parents at Coalgate, I. T.

The old reliable Star Restaurant is still doing business at the same old stand in Bingham block, McKinney, Tex. Thompson Bros., Props.

A Mexican string band has been serenading our citizens with some sweet music lately.

FREE.

Want to give away both green and dead timber to parties wanting wood. I. E. Bates.

Three miles north of McKinney.

Mrs. Reese, of Plano, spent Sunday in this city.

Chauncey Dewey is visiting old friends here after a year's absence attending school at the University of the South in Tennessee.

H. G. Harrison left Monday on a holiday visit to relatives in Halifax county, North Carolina.

Mrs. Annie Weddle is spending a few days with Sherman relatives.

Plant an Orchard

Before you plant, send for *New Catalogue of McKinney Nurseries*. This catalogue names the varieties adapted to this climate and gives instructions showing how to have, without failing, an abundance of fine fruit in any locality. These instructions are based upon forty years of experience in growing fruit in Texas, and include and refer to the latest and most advanced thought on Southern horticulture. Send to

E. W. KIRKPATRICK,
McKinney, Tex.

Ask your physician, your druggist and your friends about Shiloh's Cure Consumption. They will recommend it. For sale by C. C. Provine.

Big Bargains.

In wall paper and paints for 30 days to reduce stock at City Drug Store.

Don't forget me when you need anything in the grocery line. T. J. Melton.

Mrs. Harry Brown and child, of Greenville, visited Mrs. Graham in this city last week.

The proper thing, if your gentleman frend smokes, is a box of fine cigars; from $1.25 to $10 a box at Smith Bros.

Thompson Bros. are proprietors of the Star Restaurant and run the most popular catering house in McKinney.

T. J. Melton pays highest market prices for farmers' produce.

Consumption, La Grippe, Pneumonia and all Throat and Lung diseases are cured by Shiloh's Cure. For sale by C. C. Provine.

The old reliable City Dye Works is the place to have your soiled clothe cleaned and repressed. Rates reasonable and work guaranteed.

Awarded
Highest Honors—World's Fair,

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

MOST PERFECT MADE.

A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.

40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

T. J. Melton carries a complete line of groceries. Trade with him duri- 1897.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Miss Vallie Greer, of Van Alstyne, was a guest of relatives here last week.

Mrs. Judge Garnett is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. S. Sisk, in Weatherford.

Miss Kate Walsh, of Sherman, was a guest of friends here last week.

Karl's Clover Root Tea is a sure cure for Headache and nervous diseases. Nothing relieves so quickly. For sale by C. C. Provine

Karl's Clover Root Tea purifies the blood and gives a clear and beautiful complexion. For sale by C. C. Provine.

IMPORTANT

To those who are subject to { RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, OR GOUT.

LALLEMAND'S

Specific for Rheumatism

IS A SOVEREIGN CURE.

It is a highly concentrated and powerful medicine. Must be taken in drops only, yet it penetrates to the remotest parts of the body, destroying the rheumatic acid in the blood, relieving pain and subduing inflammation. By thoroughly eradicating the acid poison it renders the body free from the disease and proof against future attacks.

——PRICE $1.00 PER VIAL.——

Prepared by PRICKLY ASH BITTERS CO., St. Louis, Mo.
SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

Scrofula

Makes life misery to thousands of people. It manifests itself in many different ways, like goitre, swellings, running sores, boils, salt rheum and pimples and other eruptions. Scarcely a man is wholly free from it, in some form. It clings tenaciously until the last vestige of scrofulous poison is eradicated by Hood's Sarsaparilla, the

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Thousands of voluntary testimonials tell of suffering from scrofula, often inherited and most tenacious, positively, perfectly and permanently cured by

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.
Be sure to get Hood's and only Hood's.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, aid digestion. 25c.

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Every pair of Pants
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Big Bargains In Every Line.

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West side Square.

The highest claim for other tobaccos is "Just as good as Durham." Every old smoker knows there is none just as good as

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You will find one coupon inside each two ounce bag, and two coupons inside each four ounce bag of Blackwell's Durham. Buy a bag of this celebrated tobacco and read the coupon—which gives a list of valuable presents and how to get them.

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Is Far in the Lead when it comes to pleasing the old and young on the

Holiday Trade - - -

Big Stock of Useful Articles At Popular Prices.

S. T. Hammond, PROPRIETOR.

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McKinney, Texas.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.

I am now prepared to furnish a limited number of settings of eggs from these famous winter layers, at

$2.00 PER SETTINGOF 13.

I have secured the best specimens of the breed, and can now show birds in my yard of the great Felch and Griswold strains. Have no other breed on my place.

During the past year my birds have won a number of prizes: "ISAAC," imported by me direct from Felch, won first at Galveston: score 93½. I have also added another fine bird—OLD CHIEF"—to my yard. I purchased him from Randolph, at Austin. He has rarely ever failed to win first in the show ring.

J. S. DOWELL.

McKinney, Texas.

Young stock now for sale. 49

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WOMEN SHOULD KNOW

That the Disorders commonly called "Female Diseases" are the Foundation of nearly all the Troubles from which they suffer.

Whites, Chlorosis, Falling of the Womb, Painful and Irregular Menses are caused by derangement of the organs of menstruation. Headache, Backache, Dizziness, Eruptions of the ... Fainting Spells are also symptoms of the same diseases. Being only symptoms, ... temporary relief does not cure the disease.

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CURES FEMALE DISEASES

Acting directly upon the delicate organs affected ... can be taken in the privacy of home. Thousands ... Druggists sell and command it. ... dollar buys a large bottle.

Pinson Grv., Lawrence County, Mo. ... suffered with Irregular and Painful ... and many a ... Fainting Spells fol- ... on. After the best doctors ... no benefit me, I tried the ... I commenced ... as soon ... and before I had used a ... BETTY WATSON.

NOW AND THEN.

Collin County and McKinney of 1850 Compared with Collin County and McKinney of the Present.

DALLAS NOT "IN IT."

K. K. Kerr has in his possession an old edition of Harper's Gazetteer of the World, which was published in New York in the early fifties. In perusing its contents a Democrat reporter noted the following items among its contents, which will doubtless be of interest to the younger generations:

"Collin Co., Tex., situated in N. part of the state. Area 960 square miles; drained by the Bois d'Arc branch of Trinity river; surface undulating; soil fertile. Capital, McKinney. There were, in 1850, live stock valued at $109,891; indian corn, 88,195 bushel produced; sweet potatoes, 4,745; peas and beans, 55; cotton, 1 bale; 11 schools, 273 scholars; population, 1950."

"McKinney, post village, capital of Collin county, Tex., situated on left bank of Trinity river, contains court house and 192 inhabitants."

If the writer of the above statistical facts of our county and town nearly a half century ago had gone into a Rip Van Winkle snooze and could wake up now he would note a vast change in Collin and McKinney that has occurred since he wrote. Of course the situation of the county in the north part of the state remains the same, but its area has shrunken some. Instead of 960 square miles he would find its area to be about 884 square miles. It is still drained principally by the Bois d'Arc branch of Trinity river, but that stream is now doing business under the more august firm name of "East Fork." Also, the honors of draining Collin county now are shared by Wilson creek, Pilot, Sister Grove, Tickey and various other tributaries whose waters, it is true, finally bubble into the old Bois d'Arc branch — that is, except during the dry summer months. The surface is now fully as undulating as then, and if anything more fertile. Instead of only $109,871 worth of live stock he would find an increase of many, many thousands. Contrasted with his 88,195 bushels of corn in 1850 he would find 3,000,000 bushels in 1895. Sweet potatoes, beans and peas are so common now we refrain from making the ludicrous parallel. We annually average 1,000,000 bushels of oats and 500,000 of wheat, whereas in 1850 he failed to find a peck of either in the whole county. The hardy pioneers of those days probably ate buffalo jerk of week days and corn bread Sunday mornings for breakfast. Compared with his lonely bale of cotton in 1850 he would find an annual production of 75,000 bales of the fleecy staple, though we'll not make any reference to the disparity of prices now and then. The 11 schools he publishes to the world have grown to nearly 200 and the number of pupils has increased at a corresponding ratio. The 1950 inhabitants of that early day faithfully obeyed the divine injunction to multiply and replenish the earth, and now a living, hustling monument of more than 50,000 Collin county citizens perpetuate their sacred memory, except in a few instances where the old forerunners of civilization are living themselves to do their own perpetuating. During all these years Collin county was making such phenomenal strides, McKinney was also exerting herself to a certain extent. The old wooden shanty the Gazetteer chronicler mentions in the above as a court house has been replaced by a splendid stone temple of justice. This little city of beautiful houses, churches and schools has grown entirely out of her infantile skirts of 1850, when she numbered only 192 inhabitants, though at that early date she outclassed Dallas, which is referred to in the same work as only "a post village containing a court house, a Methodist church, 3 stores, several mills, a printing office issuing a weekly newspaper, and only 175 inhabitants." (Please note McKinney had 192 population, while the poor little old post village of Dallas contained only 175.) However, we will not consume time and space in comparing the subsequent growth of these two infant towns ... and Dallas since ... of McKinney ... 1850, but suffice it to say as before, McKinney has grown wonderfully. It is still the county seat and is appropriately referred to as the "Hub" in the double sense of being the county capital and centre of the county. Its population has swelled from 192 to 5000, and is still growing. Three hundred prosperous business firms are doing business here, where thousands of farmers come to market, to mills, and to take the trains during the holiday excursions to visit their poor unfortunate relatives back in the old states, who are barely eking out a miserable existence in the clay hills of those less favored commonwealths. Hurrah for McKinney, Collin County, and "Grand Old Texas!"

A Busy Man's Train.

Is the new "Cotton Belt" through connection from Texas to Louisville, Cincinnati, Chicago and the North and East via Memphis and the Great Illinois Central Railway system, putting passengers into all these cities in the morning with but one day spent on the road or lost from business.

Leave Texas at night, after arranging your affairs, in a luxurious Pullman sleeper at a reasonable hour, and arrive the second day at destination in time to transact the business of the day. If time is money to you it will pay you to investigate this. Ask any Cotton Belt ticket Agent for schedule and rates.

S. G. WARNER, General Passenger Agent, Tyler, Texas.
A. A. GLISSON, Traveling Passenger Agent, Fort Worth, Texas.

General News.

Dr. W. B. Wallace died at Arcadia, Tex., on the 17th inst.

Glanders is reported among horses in Fannin county.

The Galveston court house burned last week.

J. B. Oldham of Dallas bought Weatherford school bonds at par last week.

Miss Nettie Coons was thrown from a horse near Earlboro, Ok., last week and fatally injured.

W. G. Howe, an insane stranger from Missouri, died in Waco last week.

Fannie Sutherland died in Houston Sunday from the effects of an overdose of chloroform.

The three Proctor brothers, murderers of Russellville, Ky., were mobbed on the 17th inst.

Dr. D. L. Gailliard of Greenville has been appointed superintendent of the Terrell insane asylum, vice Dr. Rosser resigned.

Uncle Joshua Mabry died at Sodom, Hunt county, last week. He had been a resident of Sodom for 50 years and was 92 years old.

It is estimated that the recent election cost about $1 per vote in New York state and about 45cts in the United States—a total of about $5,885,000.

Sympathetic Mass meetings are being held throughout the United States in behalf of the Cuban insurgents.

The American Federation of Labor, in session at Cincinnati, reelected Samuel Gompers president.

A tenant on a farm in the northwestern part of Grayson county bored for water on a bluff and got a heavy flow at a depth of 154 feet.

A Mr. Jessup of England is reported to have swallowed 226,934 pills in 25 years or an average of 10,806 per year or 29 per per day.

The explosion of a piano lamp in a New York residence resulted in the cremation of five persons—father, mother and three children.

At Fort Scott, Kan., Sunday evening, William B. Reno and his daughter, Mrs. May Bryant, were fatally shot by the latter's husband. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant had previously separated.

Rev. Thomas Ayers, an Episcopalian preacher, was ordained a Catholic priest in New Orleans Sunday. Rev. Ayers was first a Presbyterian minister and was at one time stationed at Bryan, Tex.

James M. Glover of St. Louis, a brother of ex-congressman Glover, comitted suicide on the 20th inst. by shooting himself. Despondency over business troubles was the cause.

Frank R. Phister, son of an ex-congressman from Kentucky, committed suicide in Washington last week.

Governor Culberson has returned from Battle Creek, Mich., where he attended his sick wife who is slowly convalescing.

Sharkey, the sailor pugilist won his suit in the courts against Fizsimmons and gets the $10,000 purse.

At Bethal, O., last week a young woman named Snell threw a bucket of lye water in the faces of Mrs. Moore and her daughter, killing the latter and fatally burning the former.

Mike Henrietta, formerly general roadmaster of the East Line, died very suddenly from a paralytic stroke at Minneola last week.

At Grapevine, Tex., last week a Mr. Byrd was thrown from his his wagon by his runaway team and killed.

Miss Julia Henderson, a beautiful, brilliant and accomplished young lady of 20, committed suicide at Bay St. Louis, Miss., last week.

At Tenaha, Tex., last week the little 8-year-old daughter of Sam Nichols was smothered to death in bed.

Notices have been posted on the gates of prominent farmers near Forney in Kaufman county, warning them that unless they get rid of the negroes on their premises their farms will be sown in Johnson grass.

An unknown man was found dead ten miles east of Tecumseh, Ok., on the 17th inst. He was shot through the head, his throat cut and body robbed.

The fishing schooner Edwin Booth went down in a gale on the gulf. Capt. Andrew Ling and five of his men reached Port Eads, Fla., safely, but three of the crew went down with the schooner.

John Sheehan, caught stealing in Chicago on the 17th, shot and killed Barnett Cooper, who was passing the store. Sheehan was pursued by a crowd and was hit on the head by an unknown woman and will die.

Leopold Binder, white, and Andrew Bell, negro, fought a duel with revolvers to death near Vicksburg, Miss., last week. The former was instantly killed and the latter fatally wounded.

J. D. Thonrton, editor of the Clay County (Ala.) Advance, was assassinated one night last week in the bosom of his family. The assassin fired through the window of his residence, blowing the top of his head off. His corpse fell at the feet of his mother.

The senate committee favors recognizing the Cuban rebels. It is said however that the senate will not take action until after the holidays.

The Steamer American cleared the New Orleans port for Liverpool with 22,570 bales of cotton aboard. This is said to be the largest cargo of cotton ever floated. The same steamer carried in addition 54,800 pieces of oak staves and 4,483 sacks of cotton seed.

Roswell G. Horr, ex-congressman from Michigan and the man engaged in the famous Horr-Harvey debate in Chicago, is reported in a dying condition in New York city.

To Missouri Confederates.

Brady, Tex., Dec. 15.—If there are any members of the third Missouri regiment, Confederate States, now living in Texas, you will do me a great favor by writing to me at Brady, Tex. Don't fail me, old comrades.

JOHN CROSSON.

"Have prosperous times struck you yet, Barclay?" "Yes; my wife leaves me in possion of $10 more Christmas money than I had last year."—Chicago Record.

Patient—If you don't get me well, doctor, you are likely to be stuck. Doctor—How's that? Patient—I haven't enough money to pay both you and the undertaker.—Life.

"Air, air," gasped the dying man. The brave girl heard him and hesitated not a moment. Leaping from her wheel she punctured both her tires with all possible haste.—Detroit Tribune

A stranger approached ex-Governor Taylor of Tennessee with extended hand and said: "Your face is familiar; where in h—l did I meet you?" "I don't know," replied the ex-governor; "what part of h—l are you from?"—Ex.

A Surprise.

Mrs. Younghub—Oh! Ferdy, I have such a surprise for you!

Younghub—You have, love?

Mrs. Younghub—Yes, dear. See this sweet little dog I bought for us!—only $20, and the dog seller warranted him to be a pure mongrel!—Puck.

No News to Her.

Fiddleback—When Miss Twilling comes in will you tell her that I called?

Butler—Sure, sir, she knows it already.—Puck.

CASTORIA.

This fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Whites Grove Whitlings.

Miss Hattie Hedgcoxe of Petersburg was the guest of her sister Mrs. Henry Perkins Sunday.

Mrs. Rogers starts for Tennessee this morning. She will beaccompanied by her son, Charlie and little daughter, Ida.

Born to Brookson Shields and wife, a bouncing boy.

The little babe of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips is very sick with fever, at this writing.

Mrs. John Stovall is on the sick list this week.

Miss Mollie Scott was shopping in McKinney Friday.

Friday evening just about five o'clock robbers broke into the house of Jim Scott.

Miss May Fraze will entertain a number of her friends Wednesday evening.

Willie McMahan and wife visited the latter's mother Sunday.

A number from this community attended church at Allen Sunday.

Lewis McMahan started for Forney Saturday to visit his cousin, Miss Florence McMahan. He will spend the holidays there.

Friday was hog killing day here.

There will be preaching at the Grove Sunday.

DEW DROP.

"He died from a complication of diseases, I understand?" "Yes; either that or from a complication of doctors."—Judge.

BATTLE WON BY THE INSURGENTS.

General Gomez leads in person and routs the Spanish. Eight hundred Spanish killed and 1,000 wounded. The great victory is attributed to the fact that the insurgents have discovered that Dr. Sawyer's Family Cure gives new life and strength and purifies the blood.

ELDER J. M. HAUGHEY.

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RICHARD A. McCURDY, PRESIDENT

Assets	$221,213,721.33
Liabilities	194,347,157.58
Surplus	$26,866,563.75
Total Income	$48,597,430.51
Total paid policy-holders in 1895	$23,126,728.45
Insurance and annuities in force	899,074,453.78
Net gain in 1895	$61,647,645.36

Statement of the Texas Business

INSURANCE IN FORCE.

	Dec. 31, 1894.	Dec. 31, 1895.		
Mutual Life	24,581,452	28,546,932	GAIN	$3,965,480
N. Y. Life	26,768,971	24,555,317	Loss	2,213,654
Equitable	22,787,877	20,535,948	Loss	2,251,929

NEW BUSINESS.

	1894.	1895.		
Mutual Life	$3,433,196	$8,074,960	GAIN	$4,641,764
N. Y. Life	9,330,889	6,877,593	LOSS	2,453,296
Equitable	2,274,813	1,856,829	Loss	417,984

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DR. RUST'S **PENNYROYAL PILLS** COTTON ROOT AND Oriental and Chinese Combination. Safe, Reliable and Effectual. Ladies, ask your Druggist for Dr. Rust's Pennyroyal Pills. Take no other. Price $1 per box. Sent by mail on receipt of price. Address The Rust Medicine Co., St. Paul, Minn.

A Great Feast for the Bargain Hunters

AT THE

KENTUCKY STORE

The big trade that we have had since we inaugurated our big Clearing Sale has left a great many remnants in all kinds of Dress Goods, which we have placed on our counters and marked a very low price on them.

Odds and ends in Clothing, Shoes and Furnishing Goods which must be sold at some price in the next Ten Days.

Fine Silverware - -

We have a fine line of Rogers' Silverware, every piece guaranteed by the factory.

As we want to close this line out, and will not handle Silverware any more, We will sell what we have at half price.

Xmas and New Year Presents.

Come early and get First Choice. These goods will not stay in the house long at these prices. The next ten days will be a great cleaning up sale at the Kentucky Store of Remnants and Odds and Ends. See us. We will save you money.

Yours for Bargains,

C. L. YOUNG.

R. D. Tompkins, of near Princeton, will spend Christmas with a brother in East Texas.

Furniture, chairs, organs and pianos at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

Mr. John Darnell, of College Hill, has gone to Kentucky to spend the holidays with friends.

We have some nice pipes and fine tobaccos that any smoker would appreciate. Smith Bros.

Hon. M. W. Johnson, of Paris, spent Sunday with his father in this city.

Something that's useful to give somebody. ½ doz. fine writing tablets. At Smith Bros.

Willie Rhea is home from Techuanah college to spend the holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rhea.

Writing desks at all prices at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

Hon. J. L. Doggett, internal revenue collector came up from Dallas and spent Monday in McKinney.

ATTENTION! Messrs Goostree & Houston derire to see you at once. Don't disappoint them, but call at their grocery store at once.

Blind Boon was much appreciated at the opera house Saturday night.

Vaseline, glycerine (pure) at Smith Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Robinson will move into their cosy new home on North College street next week.

window glass cheap at City Drug Store

The Rebekah lodge of this city will give a brilliant entertainment New Years eve.

Carpets, lace curtains, window shades and bookcases at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

Master Walter Mayes came up from Plano Monday on a visit to his uncle, A. B. Mayes, and family.

Clocks and all kinds of house furnishing goods from the cradle to the grave at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

Mrs. John T. Nale and little son are visiting relatives in Smithfield, Tex.

J. N. Crutcher returned from Purcell, I. T. Monday.

Do you know of a more comfortable present for an aged person than a hot water bottle? All kinds at Smith Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Rector, of Veal, Tex., are guests of relatives in this city.

Goostree & Houston, grocers, wil furnish your holiday eating at excursion prices. Don't dally, but call early and avoid the rush.

Mrs. Lackland, of Waxahachie, is the guest of relatives in McKinney.

Go to J. P. Crouch & Co's. for baby carriages.

You can save money by buying wall paper, paints, and glass at City Drug Store

Miss. Inez Anthony, of Terrell, is visiting her brother, J. G. Anthony, in this city.

New open top celluloid powder boxes, very handsome, latest style, at Smith Bros.

J. B. Rogers will build a new residence in the west part of town at an early date.

It is the aim of modern medical science to prepare medicine as palatable as possible without diminishing its curative power. PRICKLY ASH BITTERS is an example of complete success in this direction. It is not drastic as the name might suggest, it is mild and pleasant, and has an agreeable flavor, besides which, it is a successful kidney tonic, liver regulator and bowel cleanser. As a cure for the diseases that attack the kidneys its superior has not yet been devised. Sold by Wallace & Everett.

Patent Star Oil for harness, saddles shoes and buggy tops makes a fine dressing strickly water proof. Manufactured by H. T. Brantley. Sold by Wallace & Everett, druggists; also at Central wagon yard, McKinney, Tex.

Dr. W. B. Hunn, of Junction City, Kentucky, has located in McKinney. The doctor is a graduate of leading medical colleges of the south and is a practitioner of three years standing. He has comfortable office quarters on the east side of square.

Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills.

To those living in malarial districts Tutt's Pills are indispensible, they keep the system in perfect order and are **an absolute cure** for sick headache, indigestion, malaria, torpid liver, constipation and all bilious diseases.

Tutt's Liver Pills

Giles McKinney was the hero in a runaway incident in McKinney Monday morning. A mule team belonging to J. P. Sims started to run in Fairfield where Mr. Sims lives and dumped his son, the driver, out. Coming on to town they ran around the north and east side of the court house with the remnants of the wagon when Giles, by the aid of his unearthly yells of "Whoa!" ran out of Wilcox & Rogers' store and brought the frightened animals to a dead standstill.

Few people know that all plants contain digestive principles. They cannot absorb their food until it is digested any more than animals can. The Mount Lebanon Shakers have learned the art of extracting and utilizing these digestive principles, and it is for this reason their Shaker Digestive Cordial is meeting with such phenominal success in the treatment of dyspepsia. The Shaker Digestive Cordial not only contains food already digested, but it also contains digestive principles which aid the digestion of other foods that may be eaten with it. A single 10 cent sample bottle will be sufficient to demonstrate its value, and we suggest that every suffering dyspeptic make a trial of it. Any druggist can supply it.

LAXOL is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

G. F. Bolton has moved on to a farm which he has purchased one and a half miles south east of Melissa.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss
LUCAS COUNTY. }

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

SWORN to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.

{SEAL} A. W. GLEASON, NOTARY PUBLIC.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucuous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.

Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Mrs. George Murphy, of Sulphur Springs, will spend the holidays here with her parents.

The mammoth establishment of J. P. Crouch & Co. is packed with a mammoth stock. This is the largest business, both in space and completeness of stock in North Texas. If you do not wish to buy it would more than repay a visit made for no other purpose than merely that of inspection and sightseeing.

A temporary wave of prosperity struck The Democrat one day this week. We received a half dozen young chickens, a fine turkey gobbler, and some fresh pork, all on subscription. Thanks.

The Nickle Store occupies the same old stand, Call and see

Wouldn't a pocket book, base ball or pocket knife be a suitable present for your little brother? At Smith Bros.

HELP! HELP!! HELP!!!—Everybody are carrying off our groceries. We want you to help the good work along. Goostree & Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem E. Oldham are spending the holidays in Bonham.

Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup is sold lor only fifty cents a bottle. It will cure a cough that might prove serious or perhaps fatal. Ask your druggist for a sample bottle. Manufactured by A. C. Simmons, Jr., Medicine Company, Sherman, Texas.

Miss Addie Bailey spent Sunday with Bloomdale friends.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC has stood the test for ten years! When any dealer tries to induce you to take some other make, you may know that it is some cheap compound on which he makes a larger profit. Every bottle of GROVE'S guaranteed. 2

BORN—On the 13th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Ike Talkington, a boy.

Rheumatism is caused by lactic acid in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes the acid and cures rheumatism.

Misses Emma and Ella Bennett of near Lebanon were pleasant callers at our office Saturday.

W. H. Betts, the lumber dealer of Princeton, was in to see us Tuesday. He will spend Xmas in East Texas. On his return he will be accompanied by a new shipment of lumber.

"Papa, let's go home." These words fell from the lips of a ten year old girl on the streets of McKinney last Saturday. The "papa" was almost reeling with liquor. He abruptly pushed the little one aside with a growl. The parties evidently lived several miles from McKinney and the little girl was tired and unhappy because "papa" was drinking and refused to take her home at the proper time. Poor child! What an unhappy Xmas eve for her! This, however, we regret to know, is only one of the many cases in Collin county. Will it never be otherwise? Let us hope that it will.

Allie, the 9 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ingram, died Saturday morning, after a long spell of fever. The funeral took place at 9 o'clock Sunday morning from the family residence near the Presbyterian church. Rev. D. J. Martin conducting the services and burial at Pecan Grove cemetery.

Go to J. P. Crouch & Co. for crockery, queensware, tinware and all kinds of cutlery.

Geo. Harris living about four miles southwest of McKinney happened to a painful accident Thursday. His wagon on which he was riding came uncoupled throwing him forward under the horses heels. The wheels of the wagon passing over him, severed a portion of his right ear and otherwise bruised him.

If the seams of the BUCKSKIN BREECHES were the kind that rip, while the buttons were poorly fastened, and always coming off, we wouldn't say they were good pants. As it is, each detail is perfect. The seams, buttons, pockets and fit are all the best. They are the best pants we know how to make.

Mrs. O. C. Spencer visited in Van Alstyne last week.

It seems to us your sister, aunt or grandma would appreciate one of our hair, nail or tooth brushes for a xmas present. Smith Bros.

J. P. Nenney was in Denison Friday.

All the standard cough and la grippe medicines at City Drug Store.

Misses Mary and Nora Lane are visiting the Misses Webb in Farmersville this week.

READERS if you want old papers to paste on walls or place under carpets you can get them at The Democrat office for 25cts per hundred.

Mrs. T. M. McDaniel is visiting in Plano.

What is it? A cure for Coughs, Colds, Croup, Whooping Cough, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, and all Bronchial Affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. 50 doses for 50 cents. Money returned if it fails to give satisfaction, we mean Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup.

Recorder E. H. Bowlby's court ground away at a lively rate the latter part of last week. "The brick" near the depot furnished most of the grist.

A No. 1 perfume put up in Genuine cut glass bottles from one to five dollars at Smith Bros.

Dr. S. J. Dobbs was in the city last Saturday. The doctor is getting his house in shape at Altoga for a stock of drugs and notions.

Wall paper, paints, oils and window glass at City Drug Store.

Beautiful Japanese gold fish for sale at the Nickle Store.

DO YOU EAT? If you do Goostree & Houston desire your assistance in reducing their mammoth stock of eatables.

A. E. Daw has his confectionery decorated with an attractive "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" inscription of cedar and popcorn.

Are you going to make your family physician a present? If so consult us. We can help you select something he will appreciate. Smith Bros.

C. F. Trotter, of Blue Ridge came over from Farmersville Saturday.

Save Your Life

By using "THE NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the Kidneys, Bladder and Back in male or female. It relieves retention of water, and pain in passing it almost immediately. Save yourselves by using this marvelous cure. Its use will prevent fatal consequences in almost all cases by its great alterative and healing powers. Sold by Erwin & Fant, druggists, McKinney, Texas.

Miss Minnie Burrage is seriously sick with pneumonia.

If you want to present some one with something useful why not let it be a dozen assorted soaps? We can furnish you. Smith Bros.

Dr. T. G. Boorman of Princeton was in the city last Friday.

WANTED—Situation to do housework by a competent white woman with one child. Apply at Travelers' Home, McKinney, Tex.

T. J. Melton is doing an immense holiday business. Give him a call when purchasing groceries.

Miss Addie Wilson came down from Sherman last week, where she is attending school.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder, in both men women. Regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of $1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and will cure any case above mentioned.

E. W. HALL, Sole Manufacturer,
P. O. Box 317, Waco, Texas

READ THIS.

Sherman, Tex., Aug. 17.

I certify that I have used Hall's Great Discovery in my family and I can recommend it to the public.

A. L. STRONG.

Sold by Smith Bros.

Wm. Allen shipped three carloads of hogs and one of beef cattle to the Dallas market last week.

Uriah Jones, Hezekiah Brown and John Peter Smith will testify to the wonderful curative properties of Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup. Sample bottles free. Satisfaction or money refunded.

Miss Annie Pruett, of Plano, is the guest of Misses Lizzie and Pauline Hughes.

Mules For Sale.

Ten work mules, four years old past, for sale cheap; half cash, balance 12 months time. Call on John Martin 6 miles northeast of McKinney.

SEMI-ANNUAL Clearance Sale AT THE Mississippi Store.

As has been our custom for years, we will inaugurate, beginning TO-DAY, and lasting till January 1st, a sale having for its object a complete close-out in all lines of WINTER GOODS. We aim, as we have done heretofore, to have a dignified clearance, with no sensational or claptrap features,

Below We List Just a Few Prices.

DRY GOODS

30 Yards of Round Thread Cotton Checks for.....$1.00
Canton Flannel at.....3c per yard
2,000 Yards Good Oil Red Calico, fast colors, 30 yards for.....$1.00
School Boy wool Jeans at.....15c per yd
All wool gray Shaker Flannel, worth 40c at.....25c per yd
300 Yards Silk Aline, worth 15c and 20c, at.....10c per yd
New Dress Style and Apron Check Ginghams at.....5c per yd
Great Discounts on all Dress Goods in wool or silk.

10 Dozen Boys waists, Twill Cotton, at.....10 cents.
Men's Heavy Cotton Undershirts at.....15 cents.
100 Dozen Men's Seamless Fast Black Hose, 3 pair for.....25 cents.
50 Dozen Misses Heavy Gray School Hose, 4 pair for.....25 cents.
50 Ladies' Cloaks and Jackets at.....50 cents each

50 Pairs Grey and Red 5-pound, 10-quarter Blankets at $1 per pair.
50 pairs 10-quarter white Blankets, worth $2.00, for..$1.25 per pair.
50 pairs Grey Blankets at.....50c per pair.

SHOES.

100 pairs Men's Goodyear welts Shoes, worth from $3 to $4 at $2.50
Men's Heavy Kip Boots at.....$1 a pair.
Boys' Heavy Kip Boots at.....75c a pair.
Ladies' Heavy Button Bradded Shoes at.....90c a pair.
Child's Kid Button Shoes at.....25c
26 pairs Child's Heavy School Shoes, worth $1 at.....50c
48 Pairs Ladies Button Shoes, in broken lots, worth $1.50 for.....$1.00.
150 Pairs Ladies Fine Shoes, worth $2.50 to $4.00 at.....$2.00.

Fine felt-lined goods for housewear

A Nice Christmas Present.

All Millinery at Absolute Cost!

GREAT BIG DRIVES IN ALL CLOTHING AND OVERCOATS

Men's Full Suits at.....$2.00
Men's Overcoats at.....$2.50

ALL BOYS' CLOTHING AT ABSOLUTE COST.

80 Men's Suits, old price $15 and $16 at.....$10
25 Men's Overcoats, old price $5 at.....$3.75
Men's $10 Brown Overcoats at.....$7.80
200 Pairs Men's All-wool Pants, worth $3 for.....$1.35

Hundreds of desirable Bargains are not listed. Come and examine our inducements. A Plain Clearance Sale at Real Clearing Prices—that's all.

THE MISSISSIPPI STORE.

Cloudy, dark colored urine, with slight sediment, frequent calls diminished quantity, indicates trouble in the kidneys. When these symtoms are present no time should be lost in adopting proper remedies. A little delay may prove very costly, perhaps fatal, because Bright's disease is so rapid and destructive. PRICKLY ASH BITTERS has an established reputation for curing the diseases that attack the kidneys. It heals and strengthens the kidneys so that they resume their urine gathering and blood cleansing function, regulates the liver, stomach and bowels and quickly re-establishes a healthy body. It has cured cases of Bright's disease that had been practically abandoned by the attending physician. Sold by Wallace & Everett.

J. J. Cockrell pays a year's subscription to The Democrat for W. J. Applewhite as a Christmas gift.

Window glass all sizes at City Drug Store.

A few nights since a lot of tramps burglarized the house of Jim Scott south of McKinney near the H. & T. C. railway tracks.

The Nickle Store continues to be the place for bargains

Everything for colds, chapped hands at Smith Bros.

Miss Ada Rogers, of Bethel, is visiting relatives in McKinney.

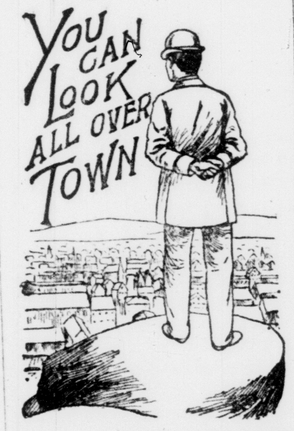
How would you like old Santa Claus to leave you a nice bottle perfume. He finds that kind at Smith Bros.

English Spavin Liniment removes all Hard, Soft or Calloused Lumps and Blemishes from horses, Blood Spavins, Curbs, Splints, Sweeney, Ring-Bone, Stifles, Sprains, all Swollen Throats, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Blemish Cure ever known. Sold by Erwin & Fant, druggists, McKinney, Texas.

C. H. Welch, cashier of the First National bank of Taylor, Tex., was in the city last Sunday. Mr. Welch is a former citizen of McKinney. He expressed himself as being surprised at the growth of our city.

You can not do better for your purse than by buying your groceries from T. J. Melton.

Why leave your rooms bare? You can buy wall paper from 5c a roll up at City Drug Store



But you cannot find a more complete line of groceries, staple or fancy, than ours and our prices are rock bottom.

Respectfully,
GOOSTREE & HOUSTON.

County Clerk Walden issued 40 permits to wed last week, and turned several "would be's" away unserved.

Ed & Will's Tonsorial Parlor.

When you wish an easy shave—
As good as barber ever gave—
Call at Ed & Will's Tonsorial room,
At morning, eve, or busy noon.
They'll curl and cut your hair with grace
To suit the contour of your face.
Their room is neat, and all is clean,
Scissors sharp and razors keen,
And all that art and skill can do;
If you will call they'll do for you.
They'll treat you nice and fair,
And neither flinch nor fudge;
You'll always find them there
As sober as a judge.

Children's hair cutting a specialty. Northwest corner of square McKinney, Texas.

Mr. Mabry, one of the proprietors of the Mississippi Store, who resides at Bonham, was called to Mississippi a few days ago by the death of his mother.

Double nine dominoes, hand mirrors at Smith Bros.

Mrs. C. W. Goodin and little daughter left Tuesday to spend the holidays with her parents at Coalgate, I. T.

The old reliable Star Restaurant is still doing business at the same old stand in Bingham block, McKinney, Tex. Thompson Bros., Props.

A Mexican string band has been serenading our citizens with some sweet music lately.

FREE.

Want to give away both green and dead timber to parties wanting wood.
I. E. Bates.
Three miles north of McKinney.

Mrs. Reese, of Plano, spent Sunday in this city.

Chauncey Dewey is visiting old friends here after a year's absence attending school at the University of the South in Tennessee.

H. G. Harrison left Monday on a holiday visit to relatives in Halifax county, North Carolina.

Mrs. Annie Weddle is spending a few days with Sherman relatives.

Plant an Orchard

Before you plant, send for *New Catalogue of McKinney Nurseries*. This catalogue names the varieties adapted to this climate and gives instructions showing how to have, without failing, an abundance of fine fruit in any locality. These instructions are based upon forty years of experience in growing fruit in Texas, and include and refer to the latest and most advanced thought on Southern horticulture. Send to
E. W. KIRKPATRICK,
McKinney, Tex.

Ask your physician, your druggist and your friends about Shiloh's Cure Consumption. They will recommend it. For sale by C. C. Provine.

Big Bargains.

In wall paper and paints for 30 days to reduce stock at City Drug Store.

Don't forget me when you need anything in the grocery line.
T. J. Melton.

Mrs. Harry Brown and child, of Greenville, visited Mrs. Graham in this city last week.

The proper thing, if your gentleman frend smokes, is a box of fine cigars; from $1.25 to $10 a box at Smith Bros.

Thompson Bros. are proprietors of the Star Restaurant and run the most popular catering house in McKinney.

T. J. Melton pays highest market prices for farmers' produce.

Consumption, La Grippe, Pneumonia and all Throat and Lung diseases are cured by Shiloh's Cure. For sale by C. C. Provine.

The old reliable City Dye Works is the place to have your soiled clothe cleaned and repressed. Rates reasonable and work guaranteed.

Awarded
Highest Honors—World's Fair,
DR.
PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

T. J. Melton carries a complete line of groceries. Trade with him during 1897.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Miss Vallie Greer, of Van Alstyne, was a guest of relatives here last week.

Mrs. Judge Garnett is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. S. Sisk, in Weatherford.

Miss Kate Walsh, of Sherman, was a guest of friends here last week.

Karl's Clover Root Tea is a sure cure for Headache and nervous diseases. Nothing relieves so quickly. For sale by C. C. Provine

Karl's Clover Root Tea purifies the blood and gives a clear and beautiful complexion. For sale by C. C. Provine.

Scrofula

Makes life misery to thousands of people. It manifests itself in many different ways, like goitre, swellings, running sores, boils, salt rheum and pimples and other eruptions. Scarcely a man is wholly free from it, in some form. It clings tenaciously until the last vestige of scrofulous poison is eradicated by Hood's Sarsaparilla, the

One True Blood Purifier.

Thousands of voluntary testimonials tell of suffering from scrofula, often inherited and most tenacious, positively, perfectly and permanently cured by

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.
Be sure to get Hood's and only Hood's.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, aid digestion. 25c.

IMPORTANT

To those who are subject to { RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, OR GOUT.

LALLEMAND'S

Specific for Rheumatism

IS A SOVEREIGN CURE.

It is a highly concentrated and powerful medicine. Must be taken in drops only, yet it penetrates to the remotest parts of the body, destroying the rheumatic acid in the blood, relieving pain and subduing inflammation. By thoroughly eradicating the acid poison it renders the body free from the disease and proof against future attacks.

——PRICE $1.00 PER VIAL.——

Prepared by PRICKLY ASH BITTERS CO., St. Louis, Mo.
SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

We have cut
Every pair of Pants
In the House to $1.50.

Big Bargains In Every Line.

McDowell & White

West side Square.